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Pythians to The Rescue of Arkansas Riot Victims

Strong Effort Will Be Made to Save Lives of Condemned Race Men

Sentenced to Die As Outcome of the Elaine, (Ark.) Riot.

At the request of the Pythians of Arkansas, Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green of the Knights of Pythias made a personal investigation of the cases of the men convicted in connection of the Elaine riot and spent a day with the twelve condemned men in their cells. Among that number he found three brave Knights condemned to die and eight other Knights serving sentences from twenty-one years in the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

The Supreme Chancellor says "these brave Knights must not suffer and die without giving them a chance to establish their innocence."

After consulting with the attorneys of the convicted men Sir Green has authorized all the Grand Lodges of Knight of Pythias of N. A., S. A., E. A., A., and A., to take up the assisting in financing the necessary steps to secure justice for the condemned men. Other plans are well under way to save these men and with the Pythian Order actively aiding the attorneys of the condemned men, the convicted men will be able to prove their innocence.

In Oklahoma, two years ago, R. Wardlow a member of the Pythian Order was placed on trial in Bartlesville and if it had not been for the prompt and immediate steps that the Grand Chancellor, Dr. Wickham, took in giving Wardlow able counsel in the person of Grand Attorney, E. T. Burbour, of El Reno, Okla., and Attorney W. H. Twine of Muskogee, Okla., Wardlow would have been electrocuted for killing the Chief of Police of Dewey, Okla., in self defense. The Pythian Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as it rallied behind Wardlow to enable him to receive a "square deal" in the Oklahoma Courts, will render every assistance possible to Supreme Chancellor Green necessary to secure justice for the men convicted outrageously in the Arkansas matter.

Distinguished Visitor Coming to Tulsa

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green To Be A Guest of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge K. of P. In Tulsa, Okla.

The city of Tulsa will have among its many guests during the Pythian Grand Lodge, Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of New Orleans, La., head of the largest Negro Fraternal Order in America. Sir Green is a recognized leader among all fraternities and towers head and shoulders above all others.

Being a delegate to the Republican Convention in Chicago last month, necessitated Sir Green having to cancel other important matters that he could visit the Oklahoma Grand Lodge Session in the Magic City of Tulsa.

Men of this calibre should be appreciated by the citizens of Tulsa and their visits should be made the essence of everything pertaining to hospitality and cordiality.

Many Desires to Borrow
More than 8,000 requests have been made for blanks upon which to apply for loans from the state under the home loan act which becomes effective July 1.



S. W. GREEN.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, al Order in the United States, the Knights of Pythias, will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma the week of July 20th 21st and 22nd, attending the Oklahoma Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

COLORED EDITOR FILES FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Harry Smith, Editor Cleveland Gazette And Father of Buckeye Anti-Lynching Law Aspires Higher.

(Star News Service)
CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 30.—Political circles in the old Buckeye State have something else to talk about than the nomination of Senator Harding for the presidency. In fact it is almost an every day matter of occurrence for an Ohioan to be running for the presidency, but for a Colored man to be running for the position of Secretary of State is entirely unusual and out of the ordinary. Just such a situation has arisen through the filing of the Hon. Harry Smith, the intrepid editor of the Cleveland Gazette for the Republican nomination for the Secretary of State. Editor Smith was a member of the lower house of the Ohio Legislature for three terms during which time he conceived and had adopted legislation bearing on lynching and evil rights of his people. During his service as representative, such Ohioans as ex-Governor Willis, and ex-Congressman Cole, who now aspires for Governor, were his colleagues. It is quite natural for "Harry", for that is the love name by which he is known everywhere, to break the ice in this candidacy for Secretary of State, and the beauty of it all is, that he is fitted in every inch to fill the position with distinguished credit.

Health Crusade Goes on

Dr. A. R. Lewis delivered an address before the Custer County Medical Society at Thomas last Friday.

Sugar Profitters Rob State

The State board of affairs let a contract last week for supplies for for state institutions which included sugar at \$24.65 a hundredweight. Three months ago the price was \$16.86 and six months ago it was \$10.00. The contract included 1800 pounds of beef for the penitentiary at \$13.61 a hundredweight, about two cents a pound higher than ninety days ago.

Okla. Delegation Reach

After spending a day at Grand Canyon the Oklahoma delegation to the national democratic convention at San Francisco reached the Golden Gate city last Friday. M. E. Trapp, lieutenant governor, is acting governor in the absence of Governor Robertson.

MISSOURI ELKS HONOR FORMER TULSAN

Attorney Corbett Selected as Prominent Speaker at Elk Celebration.

(Star News Service)
MUSKOGEE, Okla., June 30.—Attorney Corbett, formerly of Tulsa and now of Muskogee, Exalted Ruler of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 247, I. B. P. O. E. of Tulsa, has been chosen to respond to the welcoming address of Mayor James Cowgill who as representative of the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Mo., is to welcome the Elks of the U. S. at their National Convention to be held during the week of August 22, 1920. Among the other speakers of welcome that Exalted Ruler Corbett is to follow are Gov. Henry J. Allen, (probably), Editor N. C. Crews, Sun, and Hon. Burris Jenkins, editor of Kansas City Post. Our Oklahoma representative Attorney Corbett, is rapidly attaining a national reputation as an orator, and his address on this occasion is most likely to gain him additional fame.

ROBERT HILL OUT ON BOND

Charged With Impersonating Officer Freed At Kansas City.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 29.—Robert Hill, charged with impersonating a federal officer, was released on \$2,000 bond today from the Shawnee county jail. He had been held here since last January when an attempt was made to have him extradited to Arkansas on a charge of inciting riots. Governor Allen refused and he has since been held on the federal charge. His bond stipulated that he must remain within the jurisdiction of the United States district court for Kansas until trial on October 11.

COMMISSIONER WOODEN OUT FOR RE-ELECTION

Ex-Mayor Has Many Good Friends Among Colored People.



Among the aspirants for county officers to appear before the voters of Tulsa in the August primary, is F. M. Wooden, present incumbent in the office of County Commissioner.

Mr. Wooden was for several years Mayor of Tulsa and is well known to most of the Colored people of this city, among whom he has many good friends. He is generally considered an easy winner.

Bartholomew Denied Writ

The state supreme court denied the writ of Mandamus sought by J. W. Bartholomew, of Miami, Republican, who endeavored to compel W. C. McAllister, secretary of the state election board, to accept his filing as candidate for judge of the 28th, judicial district. This decision sets at rest the question of the tenure of office of judicial appointees of Governor Robertson, holding that they shall serve until their successors are elected in 1922.

DR. WHICKHAM HAS MADE GOOD



DR. CHAS. B. WICKHAM.

The coming Grand Lodge Session of the Knights of Pythias will be the largest Race meeting held in Tulsa. That it will be so is due to the tireless efforts of Grand Chancellor Chas. B. Wickham, who is leaving no stones unturned towards making the Tulsa Session the greatest meeting of the Pythians and the largest meeting ever held in Tulsa.

The successful upgrowth of the Pythian Order of Oklahoma is due to the keen business foresight and efficient management of Dr. Wickham. The large increase of membership is due to the fact that Grand Chancellor Wickham has at all times and in all weather with all his zeal and energies labored incessantly, traveled unrelentingly in the interest of his various lodges.

When Grand Chancellor Wickham was placed in charge of the Pythian Order on July 1st, 1916, 48 months ago, the order was \$6,000 in debt and with a small membership. Today, the Pythian Order stands far above any indebtedness and has a very creditable banking balance.

Since Dr. Wickham has been Grand Chancellor, he has paid to the Pythian Widows and Orphans, the sum of \$25,375.00 and has also paid the sum of \$5,750.00 to the various local lodges enabling them to bury their deceased members very fittingly. Making a total of \$31,125.00 paid by Dr. Wickham in forty-eight months to the Widows, Orphans and lodges. This sum paid out would average a monthly payment of \$648.43 per month paid to the Race.

In addition to having paid this large sum of money having liquidated all indebtedness, the reports at the coming Grand Lodge will show a splendid balance of \$17,000.00 on hand. The Order of Pythians in Oklahoma does not owe a solitary death claim.

In addition to the remarkable work done by Grand Chancellor Wickham financing the Order of Knights of Pythias mention should be made of the proposed Pythian Temple that will be constructed in Oklahoma in the near future. At this forthcoming session a very tangible and definite plan will be placed before the membership of the Grand Lodge.

The Pythians of Oklahoma are to be congratulated in having at its head Dr. Chas. B. Wickham, who has given all his time and talent uncompromisingly and unselfishly to the Pythian Order a Success.

Dr. Wickham ranks among the leading physicians of the State. During the late war he was placed in charge of the General work in the city of Tulsa and upon the conclusion of the same was warmly commended by the authorities of Washington, D. C. The citizens of Tulsa will likewise remember that when the dreaded influenza epidemic

ic began to rage, Ex-Mayor Hubbard then Mayor, wired Dr. Wickham to hurry back to Tulsa from his lodge work to take charge of the Colored Influenza Hospital for the poor of the city. Dr. Wickham served faithfully during this epidemic and gave freely his time and talent to the poor of Tulsa with utter remuneration. His work in the influenza campaign was very highly commended for its excellence and also because Dr. Wickham was big-hearted enough to give all his time free to the poor of his race.

As Chairman of the Washington Branch Red Cross Tulsa Chapter, Dr. Wickham contributed his home for all business and work meetings of the organization and held his motor car at the disposal of the Red Cross workers. It was by his untiring efforts that the Tulsa Branch of the Red Cross stood second to none. The amount and character of work done under his supervision was surprisingly great and caused special mention by Mrs. Coleman, General Chairman of the County Red Cross Work.

Last month Grand Chancellor Wickham was the honored guest of the Texas Pythian Grand Lodge and on the Wednesday afternoon session in his special address to the Texas Grand Lodge, Dr. Wickham electrified his listeners by his simplicity, earnestness of eloquence and direct appeal to the hearts of his colleagues, imbuing them with a Pythian Grace.

Men of the Race who give their time, who make sacrifices for the interest of their people without remuneration and only out of the fullness of their hearts on account of their love for their people ought to be commended and any order and the Race should be congratulated for having Dr. Chas. B. Wickham.

Judge Christopher is now a Colonel

H. B. Christopher, formerly secretary to Governor Robertson, now judge of the supreme court of Oklahoma county, is now a colonel, having been appointed to the Governor's personal staff last week. Judge Christopher is one of three candidates for justice of the supreme court, seventh district, subject to the Democratic primary.

Foreign Stockholders Exempt

According to an opinion from the attorney general's department non-resident stockholders in foreign corporations cannot be required to pay income tax in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Mary L. Grayson of Richmond, Cal., is in the city visiting her brother, Dr. R. T. Bridgewater, a prominent physician of Tulsa.

Brief News Flashes

Little Rock Visitors Here.

Mrs. S. L. Green and daughter, Lillian are visiting the city and are guests of the Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Green. Mrs. Green is the wife of Dr. Green's brother, the Rev. S. L. Green of Little Rock, Ark., president of Shorter College, who was recently selected to attend the Ecumenical Convention at London, England.

Editor and Wife Off on Brief Visit.

Editor and Mrs. A. J. Smithman left over the Frisco this morning for Oklahoma City, Guthrie and Langston where they will consume a few days visiting friends. They will attend the 4th of July Stunt at Langston University Monday, and will return home next week.

Miss Willie Peeveyhouse, well known in social circles of Tulsa, will leave shortly for Colorado Springs, Colo., and Los Angeles, Cal., to be gone until October. Her many friends are wishing her a most enjoyable time while on her extended western tour.

NOTICE

The party who "borrowed" a law book from the Star Office several weeks ago will confer a favor to return same at once. You were given permission to read the book, but not to take it from the office. Now please return it.—Bookkeeper.

Lawyer T. M. Betts, one of the leading attorneys of Brownwood, Texas, passed through the city Thursday en route to Sapulpa. He will deliver a lecture at Sand Springs next Wednesday evening, July 7th at 8:30 o'clock.

W. H. Phillips and family of 315 North Hartford, will leave about July 10, on a touring trip for Colorado Springs, and Denver for the summer. They will return about the first of September.

Dr. A. P. Bethel, Brigadier General of the Oklahoma K. of P. Uniform Rank was in the City Wednesday on business pertaining to the approaching Grand Lodge meeting.

Mrs. Daisy Garland, 516 North Frankfort, leaves next week for Kansas City, Mo., where she expects to spend the summer. Mrs. Garland expects to make her home in Phoenix, Ariz., after leaving here.

The Rev. LeRoy Riley, representing the Imperial Jubilee Sacred Concert Company of Kansas City, Mo., was in Tulsa the past week, booking this company at various churches.

Rev. P. C. Dandridge, Editor-in-chief of the Watchman-Lantern of Muskogee, was a visitor in the city Monday enroute home from Sand Springs where he preached Sunday night.

Mrs. Ruth Henderson of San Antonio, Tex., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson of 120 North Elgin. She expects to spend the summer here.

Mrs. Nora Jackson of San Antonio, Tex., is in the city visiting her friend, Mrs. Edna Sterling.

Mr. B. L. Frazier of Taft, Okla., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Clark of 314 1/2 East Archer.

Dr. Thompson, the druggist, is remodeling his home on N. Detroit.

Representing the National Race Congress, Lieut. Reed of Washington, D. C., will speak at the A. M. E. Church here Tuesday night. The Colored ministers of this city all endorse Lieut. Reed and his work.